Story Scene Sort

Sort spoken words and sensory details in a story.

C.4.3 "Compose narratives, using writing and digital resources, to develop real or imagined experiences or multiple events or ideas, using effective technique, descriptive details and clear sequences..."

NAME _____ DATE _____

DIALOGUE

Dialogue gives the exact words a character says. Quotation marks show the spoken words.

"Watch the comet!" cried Omar.

SENSORY DETAILS

Sensory details tell what someone sees, hears, smells, tastes, or feels. They help readers picture a moment.

A sour lemon puckered my tongue.

1 SORT

8 items

For each numbered line, circle DIALOGUE or DETAILS.

1.	"I found a key," said Eli.	DIALOGUE DETAILS
2.	"Open the chest!" called Zora.	DIALOGUE DETAILS
3.	The wooden lid felt rough beneath my fingers.	DIALOGUE DETAILS
4.	A sharp smell of salt filled the air.	DIALOGUE DETAILS
5.	"Look inside," whispered Mina.	DIALOGUE DETAILS
6.	Coins clinked against the metal box.	DIALOGUE DETAILS
7.	"It's a message," said Theo.	DIALOGUE DETAILS
8.	"Read it aloud," urged Ava.	DIALOGUE DETAILS

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Part 2, PROVE IT: Choose one item from each category and explain how you knew where each belonged. Part 3, MAKE YOUR OWN: Write one new example of dialogue and one new example of a sensory detail.

DIALOGUE _____

DETAILS _____

CHALLENGE

Write a four-sentence mini story: introduce a narrator and a problem, include dialogue, add a sensory detail, and end with a solution.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	“I found a key,” said Eli.	**DIALOGUE**	Eli's exact spoken words appear in quotation marks.
2	“Open the chest!” called Zora.	**DIALOGUE**	Zora's exact spoken words appear in quotation marks.
3	The wooden lid felt rough beneath my fingers.	**DETAILS**	The sentence describes how the lid feels.
4	A sharp smell of salt filled the air.	**DETAILS**	The sentence describes a smell.
5	“Look inside,” whispered Mina.	**DIALOGUE**	Mina's exact spoken words appear in quotation marks.
6	Coins clinked against the metal box.	**DETAILS**	The sentence describes a sound.
7	“It’s a message,” said Theo.	**DIALOGUE**	Theo's exact spoken words appear in quotation marks.
8	“Read it aloud,” urged Ava.	**DIALOGUE**	Ava's exact spoken words appear in quotation marks.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **DIALOGUE**: “The trail starts here,” said Luis.
- **DETAILS**: Cool mud squished between my toes.

Challenge: I lost my kite at the park. “I see it!” called my brother. Dry leaves crunched under our shoes as we hurried toward the fence. He pulled the kite free, and we carried it home.

For Part 2, students should name a clue for each choice. For example, item 1 has Eli's words in quotation marks, while item 3 tells how the lid feels.